



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



AUGUST 11, 2014 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, August 11, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of August 4, 2014. Brown, Combs, and Corman present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Chairman Brown announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Brown approved the Agenda as submitted and the August 4, 2014 minutes as submitted.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give the weekly update on the road department. Also present is Jeff Wagner, Mainelli Wagner & Associates and Timothy S. Schmidt, County Attorney.

Barry Melvin met with the Board to submit his objection to a request from Perry Elting for an Easement for a Gas Line in the public road right of way. Elting is wanting the gas line to run 3.5 miles. The only portion that will run along the county road right of way for a ½ mile on the west side of Section 23, T4N-R6W (Sherman Precinct). The rest of the pipeline will run on private ground. Concerns were discussed. Melvin submitted copies of an Attorney's Determination that the County does not have the right to allow easements for private use. County Attorney, Schmidt disagreed and noted the County does have the right to allow easements for private use. Commissioner Corman requested to have this issue tabled until they can talk to all entities involved. Chairman Brown table the request for gas line easement until August 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Kent Thompson, LBNRD & Twin Valley Weed Management met with the Board to request a 'Consent Agreement to Allow Chemical Spraying for Willow Control on County Right of Way Property and Around Bridges' to be approved by the Board. The Twin Valley Weed Management will spray along and around county bridges and right-of-ways. A motion was made by Combs to authorize Chairman Brown to sign the Consent Agreement and Corman seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

A Request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. was submitted, to place a buried communication facilities on public right-of-way within corporate limits of Nuckolls County, for Steve & Lisa Sorensen, located between Section 3 & 4, T2N-R5W on Road M. As the Highway Superintendent did not have adequate time to review, the request was tabled until next Monday, August 11, 2014.

Chairman Brown tabled the agenda item at 9:30 a.m. until 11:09 a.m. due to running over on issues in a.m.

Warren noted the blades and gravel trucks are out again this week. Warren updated the Board on the progress of Project C-65(683), Garfield Precinct between Sections 29 & 32. Warren noted that on Tuesday they will be starting Project C-65(691), 3 miles of Road 4100 between Rd T to Highway 4 (Angus Road), one mile at a time. On Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. they will be doing a final walk around on State Project BR 1990(7) In Superior, 8th Street Bridge. The Ribbon cutting will be at 10:30 a.m.

Jeff Wagner gave a report on the county bridge inspections. He noted so far the required signs are posted and the bridges look good. Wagner discussed the bridge and road that was annexed into the City of Superior city limits. The bridge and road have been closed.



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Discussion and comments were held regarding miscellaneous road department business. No action taken.

Megan McMeen and Lexi Weber met with the Board to request financial assistance for the new program being implemented this year called the Superior Backpack Program. McMeen is also the school nurse in Superior and Weber is a sophomore at Superior Public School and is currently working towards the Gold Award through Girl Scouts. McMeen and Weber have started this program which is being implemented to help children in grades K-4. The backpacks will be sent home with food and a recipe, one per family. The cost is \$200.00 per month, per kid. They will also be holding food drives, collecting items and dollars at football games, etc. In order to receive a backpack of food the child is required to also be on the free and reduced food program at school. They wish to continue this program each year as long as they can afford it. **A motion was made by Combs to give a one-time contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Superior Backpack Program and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.** The Board also requested a report on how the program is doing, sometime this school year.

A bid letting was held at 10:00 a.m. for Corrugated Metal Pipes with headwalls for Project C-65 (694) Oak NE, located between Sections 2 & 3, T4N-R5W (Hammond Precinct). The County will remove the existing wood steel bridge and install the CMP's. The steel beams will be used on a different project. Three bids were received. 1. Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing of Kearney, NE in the amount of \$20,735.70; 2. Midwest Service & Sales of Schuyler, NE in the amount of \$25,209.90; and 3. Contech Construction of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$21,480.00. Present for the bid letting is Tom Bokkenkamp for Ace Irrigation. **A motion was made by Brown to approve the bid submitted by Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing of Kearney, NE in the amount of \$20,735.70 and Combs seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer met with the Board to submit the July 2014 Board Report. **A motion was made by Brown to accept the Treasurer's July 2014 Board Report as submitted. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

A Special Designated Liquor License was submitted by the Nuckolls County Ag Society for a beer garden to serve beer & spirits for the parents for the High School Rodeo held on August 30, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. It was noted they will have all doors locked except the North door and will be using wrist bands. Discussion was held. **A motion was made by Combs to approve the SDL for the Nuckolls County Ag Society for a beer garden on August 30, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted nay, Corman voted nay. Combs voted aye. The motion did not pass due to lack of a majority vote.**

Royce Gonzales, Clerk of the District Court met with the Board to submit a Resolution to release 2 Pledged Securities both in the amount of \$500,000.00 with Commercial Bank for approval. **A motion was made by Brown to approve the Resolution releasing 2 Pledged Securities from Commercial Bank and Corman seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Submitted for approval is the Custodial Contract between Nuckolls County and Debbie Klein. Corman suggests to make Klein a full time employee as of January 1, 2015 and to allow for funds to be budgeted to accommodate this. Discussion held. All three Board Members agreed. **A motion was made by Combs to authorize Chairman Brown to sign the Custodial Contract with Debbie Klein for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$1,900.00 a month with a 30 day notice for termination of contract and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**



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Vicki Ensign and Royce Gonzales (Budget Making Authority) met with the Board to discuss the Emergency 911, 911 Wireless, Noxious Weed, Buildings & Grounds and Miscellaneous General Budgets. Brad Baker was also present to discuss the proposed renovations to the Sheriff's Office. It was discussed having Berggren Architects involved. Baker had submitted 4 different estimates for an addition, for a garage, carpeting and roof repairs. Discussion was held to budget \$75,000.00 for renovations to the Sheriff's building. **A motion was made by Brown to approve \$75,000.00 in the budget for repairs/renovations to the Sheriff's building and the motion was seconded by Corman. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held regarding cash reserve amounts for the Noxious Weed budget. Also discussed was adding to the weed budget the dollars to hire a full time weed superintendent with benefits. Discussion held regarding the amount to budget in the building accrual to accommodate for the sheriff's building and the courthouse gutters. Also discussed is the amount to budget in GIS for the Treasurer and Assessor and also the inheritance tax. The date to have the final hearing on the county budget is set for September 2, 2014.

As there is no further business the meeting recessed at 12:27 p.m. until Monday, August 18, 2014.

Arnold Brown, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk